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SUBJECT: FRG-USSR AGREEMENT ON TOURIST INFORMATION
OFFICES

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1. SUBJECT AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED ON JUNE 11 WITH AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN FRAU STEEG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN ECONOMICS MINISTRY, AND GUSTOV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOVIET ADMINISTRATION FOR FOREIGN TOURISM. TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT WAS PASSED TO THE ALLIES IN THE BONN GROUP. THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

A. AUTHORITY FOR WAO INTOURIST TO OPEN AN INFORMATION OFFICE IN FRANKFURT AND FOR THE GERMAN CENTER FOR TOURISM TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN MOSCOW. THE RIGHTS GRANTED TO THE GERMAN CENTER FOR TOURISM MAY ALSO BE EXERCISED BY LUFTHANSA AIRLINES.

B. EACH OFFICE IS PERMITTED TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH TRAVEL AGENTS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECEPTION AND HANDLING OF TRAVELERS, TO PROVIDE

TOURIST INFORMATION, AND TO ENGAGE IN TRAVEL
PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING. ACTIVITY BY EITHER
OFFICE IN THE COMMERCIAL FIELD IS NOT
ENVISAGED.

C. EACH OFFICE IS ALLOWED THREE EMPLOYEES AND
FOUR "TECHNICAL PERSONNEL".

D. THE LEGAL STATUS OF EACH OFFICE AND THE PEOPLE
WORKING THEREIN IS DETERMINED BY THE LEGAL
PROVISIONS OF THE HOST COUNTRY.

E. THE SOVIET UNION STATES THAT IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER
1971, AND WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE ACTIVITIES
AGREED UPON IN THE SUBJECT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS,
THEY WILL RAISE NO OBJECTION TO THE REPRESENTA-
TION BY THE OFFICE OF THE GERMAN CENTER FOR
TOURISM IN MOSCOW OF THE INTERESTS OF
CORRESPONDING INSTITUTIONS IN WEST
BERLIN IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM. THEY ALSO
STATE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF AGREED MINUTE II
OF THE QA, CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
INTOURIST OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN, ARE NOT
AFFECTED.

F. THE OFFICES MAY OPEN IMMEDIATELY.

2. ECONOMICS MINISTRY SOURCE COULD ADD LITTLE MORE
IN THE WAY OF DETAILS, EXCEPT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE
OFFICES COULD NOT ENGAGE IN ANY COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES,
INCLUDING THE SELLING OF AIRLINE TICKETS AND PACKAGE
TOURS.
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